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EIGHTEEN BIG CONTESTS WILL BE IN ROUND-UP

The Round Up and Frontier Day Review to be held here Oct. 6, 7 and 8 is drawing nearer and preparations are being made to make it one of the biggest days in the history of Mexico. Already a number of entrants have registered themselves in some of the eighteen events which are to be given in the three day review.

The following contests will be scheduled:

Cowboy trick roping.
Cowgirl trick riding.
Broncho riding with saddle. Purse \$1,000.
Bareback broncho riding, purse \$500.
Bulldogging, purse \$800.
Calf roping and tying, purse \$500.
Goat roping and tying, purse \$150.
Cowboy Relay race. Purse \$300.
Cowboy broncho busting with saddle. Exhibition.
Exhibition broncho riding.
Exhibition steer roping.
Exhibition mule ride.
Stake race by home girls on Shetland ponies.
Riding wild buffalo from chutes.
Wild mule race, free for all.
Final contest of all previous events. Saturday, Oct. 8.
Barrel race by boys of county.
Those already entered in the contest are:

BRONCHO RIDING
Dan Kirkbridge,
Shorty Kelso,
Jay Miller,
S. Fredendall,
Dan Miller,
Frank McDonald.
BULL DOGGING
Shorty Kelso,
Slim Casky,
Dan Kirkbridge,
Picky Ghat,
Dave Campbell.
BAREBACK RIDING
Lee Cunningham,
Dave Campbell,
Lewis Kuttis,
Dan Miller,
Bud McDuff,
Bob Dwyer.
ROPERS
Ed McCasky,
Lewis Kuttis,
Roy Jones,
Alex Mimmo,
Bob Dwyer,
Bud McDuff.

Garage Burns With Five Cars Thursday Morn.

The garage belonging to Cleve Smith in South Mexico burned Thursday morning at 2:30 o'clock. Four cars which were in the garage and one that was sitting outside were destroyed also. Mr. Smith and his family left town Wednesday evening for a visit, it is thought, in Illinois and as yet has not been found so that he could be notified of the loss. The loss was partially covered by insurance.

The cause of the fire is not known. Spontaneous combustion is thought to have started the conflagration. When the alarm was turned in, the entire building was a mass of flames. Those living nearby said that the flames enveloped the building all at once and was beyond control almost from the first.

TO MEET CADDOCK

Harry Owen the "Tex Ricard of Mexico" came over to Fulton, Wednesday, to see Jake Reed and to come to terms with him for a wrestling match between Caddock and Reed to be staged at Mexico the first week in October, during the roundup there. Owen called at this office in the afternoon and announced that the deal had been closed for the match. He said that Hoxsey would have his new garage building far enough along for it to be used for the match and that it would seat 1500 people easily and he expected to see it filled when Caddock and Reed stepped on the mat.—Fulton Sun.

Miss Adde Cunningham, daughter of S. P. Cunningham has returned to this city after having been in California for several months. She graduated from the nursing course she was taking, Aug. 21. At present she is undecided just what she will do.

Mr. and Mrs. Alce Gamble are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Gamble in St. Louis.

FIRST CLASS OF JUNIOR ELKS IN WORLD INITIATED

The first class of Junior Elks to be initiated in the world was installed by the Mexico Lodge 919 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Monday evening. A total of thirty-nine youngsters were given the rites at the Elks home that made them full fledged Junior Elks.

This junior organization is one composed of the sons of Elks of the local lodge. Its purpose is to inculcate into the boys as they are growing up, the fundamentals of Christian citizenship. The plan was conceived by F. A. Morris and the ritual prepared by him, L. B. Hawthorne and L. M. White. This definitely institutes a phase of the "big brother" work into the activities of the lodge.

It is understood that this organization will spread to the other Elks lodges in the United States and the movement will become a national one.

Former Mexico Girl Married in Colorado Springs

Miss Sara Wymore, sister of Mrs. Melville Paul, of this city and daughter of Mrs. J. H. Wymore, of Jefferson City, formerly of Mexico, was married August 31, to Wort Gee, of Colorado Springs, according to an announcement received here Monday.

Mrs. Gee is well known in this city where she attended the grade and high schools. She is a very talented and attractive young lady and very popular with her many friends who join the Ledger in wishing the young couple much happiness.

Local Salvation Army Board Has Meeting Thursday

Members of The Salvation Army Advisory Board of Audrain County, at a meeting held Wednesday at American Legion Hall voted to continue its support of The Salvation Army and make possible the complete success of the vast expansion program, of which the local Advisory Board is a part.

It was agreed at the meeting that members of the Board and friends and acquaintances of the Army's efforts.

The members of Audrain County Board are Ross Wagner, president; Mayor, J. W. Gallaher, vice-president; County Supt. of Schools, Edw. Offutt; Secretary, Tom B. Bruce; treasurer, Fred A. Morris; Col. E. Y. Burton, Dr. R. S. Williams, A. Pearson, Bryan Wilson, Wallace A. Daring, John Barclay.

AUDRAIN COUPLE MARRIED IN THIS CITY SATURDAY EVE.

Earl Estes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Estes, of Mexico, and Miss Elizabeth Dollens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dollens, of Thompson, were married in this city at the home of Arlie L. Hunt, Holiness Evangelist, Saturday afternoon, September 3rd at five o'clock. Evangelist Hunt performed the ceremony.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Estes are well known in this city and have a large number of friends who join the Ledger in extending congratulations and wishing them much happiness. They will make their home in Mexico.

Caddock Bout Seems Assured.
Harry G. Owen reports that he has received word from the manager of Earl Caddock, the wrestler, stating that October 6th is an open date and that as soon as he can get in touch with Caddock he will be positively whether his man can meet Jake Reed, of Fulton, here on that date. The bout will be held in the new Hoxsey-Shrout garage, which will be completed by that time and which seats 2500 people.

Marriage License Issued.
A marriage license was issued Thursday by the County Recorder, Mrs. Nettie Stephens to Jonathan Miller and Miss Sallie A. Utterback, both of Vandalia.

S. D. Frazier, Miss Bethlah Frazier, and Miss Ruth McNeel, of Winfield, Kans., were visitors in Mexico Saturday.

Comfort On The Farm

According to information just issued by the State Board of Agriculture farm comforts in Missouri have increased materially in the past few years. This information states that 15,048 Missouri farms have bathrooms and Kitchen sinks.

There are 4647 farms with running water in the barns. There are other farm conveniences indicated in the report.

This is good news. We believe such improved conditions on the farm have a tendency to satisfy the younger people on the farm—the ones upon whom we depend for the future of agriculture in Missouri.

Too many young people have been leaving the farm and this is a mistake. Anything worthwhile that will keep them upon the farm adds decidedly to the future promises of the state and its great agricultural interests.

L. Mitchell White

WALLACE FRY ELECTED DELEGATE TO WORLD ASS'N.

Wallace Fry, of this city, who has been attending the Missouri Methodist Conference at Hannibal, Mo., was elected Friday as one of the five lay delegates from this conference to attend the world conference to be held at Little Rock, Arkansas in May of 1922. This conference meets only once every four years to transact the business of the Methodist Episcopal denomination.

The Rev. C. V. Lanier, formerly of this city, was elected as one of the clergy delegates to the conference and the Rev. W. L. Scarborough, formerly of Fulton and well known here, was also elected. Mrs. F. F. Stephens, of Columbia, was elected as one of the lay delegates and has the distinction of being the first woman to represent the Missouri Conference. Women were given the right to act as delegates at the last general conference.

Mr. Fry reports that the conference at Hannibal is one of the largest that has ever been held. Two bishops were present and more delegates than there has been in the past.

Horse Falls Into Deep Well But is Finally Saved

Saturday afternoon while excavating for the Continental Banking Supply Co., factory on east Liberty street, one of B. A. Powell's fine team of gray horses, fell into a well. The well is 21 feet deep and water filled it within two feet of the top.

At first the frightened animal thrashed about in the water but was calmed by the men who came to its rescue and held on top the water until a derrick was secured and it was pulled from its precarious position.

The horse was uninjured. By holding to its harness the men kept the animal above water until the derrick was erected. Then about 20 men took hold of the derrick rope and pulled it from the water.

JAKE REED WILL MEET MARSHALL

Jake Reed, the Fulton wrestler, has arranged a match for September 29, with Krivokucha, of Marshall. The Marshall man is said to be in great shape and will no doubt give the state champion a good workout for his match with Caddock here just a week later than the Marshall bout. It was understood here that Reed would not take on any wrestlers before the bout with Caddock here but the bout with the Marshall man is expected to be a good work out so it was arranged. Lloyd Carter, Reed's trainer will arrive in Fulton some time this week to start intensive training for the match with Caddock.

Board of Equalization.
The Audrain County Board of Equalization met at the Audrain County Court house Monday morning. The business included adjusting tax valuations. The board will meet again the fourth Monday in this month.

W. W. Van Matre is home from a business trip to Boone County.

Mrs. John Wiseman and daughters of this city, have returned to their home here after visiting in McCreedia.

Dr. J. E. Miller is home from Chicago where he has been attending a surgical clinic.

CIRCUIT COURT OPENS DOCKET TUESDAY MORN

Congressman T. W. Hukreide of the 9th Congressional District, was subpoenaed to appear as a witness for the state in the case of State of Missouri versus C. T. Guy, which opened in the Circuit Court Tuesday.

The Circuit Court of Audrain County opened its docket Tuesday morning with the case of the State of Missouri versus C. T. Guy of Warrenton for an alleged statutory offense. This is one of the biggest trials that will be in the court this term and a large number of lawyers and witnesses from out of town are in Mexico for it. It is thought a decision will not be rendered by the jury till Thursday or later.

The court completed resetting the docket Monday afternoon. Final nationalization papers were granted by the Circuit Court, Monday to C. C. Wommeman, of this city, and Gottlieb Kappel, of Vandalia.

Charlie Watts plead guilty of violating the prohibition act and was fined \$100.

In the case of State of Missouri versus W. E. Cornett for common assault, the defendant plead guilty and was fined \$10.00 and costs. State of Missouri versus Granville Brower and Lonnie Brower, for common assault, defendants plead guilty and were fined \$10.00 and costs. In the case of State of Missouri versus Roy Jeffries, the defendant plead guilty of violating the prohibition act and was fined \$100. In the case of the David Bushnell Estate versus A. D. Flatt et al, a judgment in partition was granted. In State of Missouri versus James Myers for common assault, the defendant plead guilty and was fined \$10.00 and costs.

Fred Van Noy was found guilty of forgery and sentenced to three years in the state penitentiary. It was alleged that several checks had been forged by Van Noy. At the time of his apprehension he had tried to pass a \$5.00 check at the Oaks Ice Cream Parlor in this city.

MEXICO COUPLE IS MARRIED BY REV. A. A. WALLACE

Victor Harper and Miss Ota Jackson, both of this city were married by the Rev. A. A. Wallace at the Presbyterian parsonage in this city Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Mr. Harper is the son of Frank Harper, of Bellflower. He has been employed in this city for some time. Mrs. Harper is the daughter of G. W. Jackson, of this city and has many friends here. The young couple are very popular with their friends here who join the Ledger in extending congratulations. They will make Mexico their home and Mr. Harper will be engaged in the plumbing business.

MANY TOURISTS

More tourists have gone through this city during the past week than any week during the past summer. Gasoline and service stations report that there has been a great increase in the number of itinerants.

This is accounted for by the fact that everyone is beginning to return home. Those who have been touring all summer, those who have been in the government parks are all starting toward their respective homes before cold weather. Cars from all parts of the country have been noticed going through this city and most everyone who was questioned stated they were going home. The great government parks are rapidly emptying themselves according to a number of the tourists.

Will Probated.

The will of the late W. O. Hostetter, of Vandalia, was probated in the Probate Court of this county Monday. The Hostetter home was willed to his wife, Sally Hostetter. The proceeds from his 400 acre farm and the residue of his property are to be divided between his wife and five daughters.

Have Big Reunion.

The relatives of J. L. Smith and Mrs. Amanda Miller met at the home of J. B. Nevins, of Gant, in honor of their guests, Mrs. Wilder and Mr. Rutherford and family, of Scotland County. About fifty were present, going from church to the home with well filled baskets. There was an abundance of food, which was delicious and was served cafeteria style. After an enjoyable afternoon they dispersed hoping for happy reunions again in this life.

Velmer Hammonds has accepted a position with the Marlow and Cox Drug Company.

Mrs. E. F. Kunkel is home from Washington, D. C., after a six-months' visit with her sister.

Leased 1000 Seats
W. W. Johnson is home from Kansas City where he leased 1000 seats for his big Round Up October 6, 7 and 8.

E. C. Johnson, of Martinsburg, was in Mexico for a short time Monday.

CELEBRATE 66TH ANNIVERSARY AT MORRIS HOME SUN.

Mr. and Mrs. Pate Morris, thought to be the oldest married couple in Audrain county and this part of the state celebrated their sixty-sixth wedding anniversary Sunday, September 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris have lived in this city all their life. Mr. Morris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Morris, and has the distinction of being the first white baby born in the city of Mexico after its founding. He was born in 1837 and one of a family of thirteen. His own family has thirteen members and the family of his oldest son, Earl, also has thirteen.

Mrs. Morris was formerly Miss Cynthia Ann McIntyre, a sister of D. H. McIntyre, former state attorney general.

Both of this couple are well known in Mexico. The Ledger joins many friends in wishing that there may be many more anniversaries as happy as have been the ones of the past.

Former Mexico Girl Marries Moberly Man

Miss Ellen Lee Phillips, formerly of this city, and Edward G. Rupp, of Moberly, were married at 5:00 Monday morning at the Moberly Catholic church by the Rev. P. J. Carney. Immediately after the ceremony, the bride and groom left for Colorado where they will spend their honeymoon. The attendants were Miss Emma Wentzel, of Mexico, and Richard Butler.

Mrs. Rupp was formerly connected with the Missouri Printing Company of this city and during her stay in Mexico, made a vast host of friends. Her remarkable talent and ability was well known to everyone who knew her. Mr. Rupp is a prominent coal dealer in Moberly and has a number of friends in this city where he has transacted business a number of times.

The Ledger joins their numerous friends in extending congratulations and wishing the couple much happiness.

Mexico Girls Will Act on Welcome Com.

Misses Polly Miller and Carolyn Worrell of this city have been invited to act on the welcome committee at the American Legion National Convention to be held in Kansas City, Oct. 31, Nov. 1st and 2nd. The invitation is one of a social nature as it means that the committee will participate in all of the functions given for the entertainment of the delegates during the convention. Several dances and parties have been planned to be given in the Francis I room at the Baltimore Hotel.

BLAKEY AND LEWIS BUY CLEANING AND PRESSING SHOP FROM MEYER BROS.

Robert J. Blakey and Turner J. Lewis bought the Myers Brothers cleaning and pressing establishment Thursday. They have assumed active charge and will conduct an up to date cleaning and pressing plant.

Blakey sold his interest in the Sanitary Cleaners Shop several weeks ago and has since been looking for a good opening. He is an experienced man in the business and with Mr. Lewis will run their shop on strictly modern lines.

Big Chapter Meeting.

The Royal Arch Chapter of Freemasons, of this city, will initiate a large class in this city the evening of Thursday, September 15th. The initiatory exercises will start in the afternoon. There will be a dinner served at 6 o'clock by the ladies of the Methodist church and the degrees will be completed in the evening, a large gathering of masons is expected for this occasion.

A marriage license was issued Saturday to Earl Ester, of this city and Miss Elizabeth Dollens, of Thompson.

Mrs. W. F. Settle is no better.

Mrs. W. A. Howard is seriously ill.

Bryan Johnson left Monday for Quincy, Ill., where he will enter the business college.

J. T. JOHNSON FINDS FREIGHT EATS PROFIT

J. T. Johnson shipped 40 tons of baled hay to market recently and the way he figures the result of the transaction is that he is in the hole. Here are a few interesting figures regarding the deal which Mr. Johnson gave the Ledger. The matter of freight includes only freight charges. The charges assessed against the shipment for truckage, reconsignment insurance and etc, which amounted to fully \$10 or more on each shipment is not included. Neither is the cost of raising the hay, cutting and hauling to the baler, bailing, hauling and loading into the cars. With this included the amount he received for the 40 tons after freight and incidentals of shipment were paid, \$265.60, would have dwindled to nothing or less than that.

One car contained 10 1/2 tons and the freight alone on this cost \$47.59. The hay sold for \$12 a ton and Mr. Johnson received net \$65.21. This was without including the raising, cutting, baling and etc.

An other car of a little over 11 tons at \$12 netted him \$67.33 after paying \$51.05 freight. Another car of 19 tons at \$14 netted him \$88.91 after paying freight of \$46.72 or a total haulage expense of \$62. Another car of a little over 10 tons at \$12 brought him net \$55.03 after paying freight of \$49.32.

This is of interest in that it gives an insight into the expense the farmer is bearing in getting his product to market. This is a question that is of paramount importance and which should be changed so the farmer would not pay practically his profit and costs for haulage.

Mexico Woman Dies at Home Thursday Morn.

Mrs. C. Ed Harrison, of this city, died at her home here at 5 o'clock Thursday morning from heart trouble. The death was very unexpected as Mrs. Harrison had not been ill long.

Mrs. Harrison was born in Pennsylvania in June of 1859. When only a small child her parents brought her to this city where she has lived practically every since. Her maiden name was Flora Towson. She was married to C. Ed Harrison in 1879. Mr. Harrison died two years ago.

As a member of the Methodist Church, she was an active and devout member. Of noble spirit, she was always ready to do what she could to assist friends and befriend the friendless.

One brother, High Towson survives Mrs. Harrison. The Ledger joins her many friends in extending sympathy. The funeral was Saturday morning at 10:30 from the Methodist church. The burial was in the Elmwood cemetery.

BLIND FILE PETITIONS

The last legislature of Missouri provided for pensions for the blind of the state to the amount of \$25.00 a month. The bill becomes effective as soon as money is available in the treasury, and it is thought it will be ready for distribution the first of the year.

In Callaway County, twenty-nine persons have filed their pension papers. All of these are aged and infirm and the monthly allowance will be of great benefit to them.

Not only in Callaway but all over the state the needy blind are taking advantage of the new law and it is probable that several people who are blind in this county will follow their example.

License Granted.

A marriage license was issued Monday to Clifford H. French, of Liberty, Mo., and Miss Amy D. Bell, of Corcor, Mo.

Mrs. L. H. Hannah who has been visiting in Columbia for several days will return to this city to be the guest of Mrs. John D. O'Rear.

Elected to Country Club.
Morris Keith has been elected a member of the Mexico Country Club. The active membership is filling rapidly and the organization promises to soon have a waiting list.

Mrs. H. A. Grube has returned to her home in Chicago, after a brief visit in Mexico with her brother, E. M. Rowland, and family.